UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MIDLAND/ODESSA DIVISION

VIRTAMOVE, CORP,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMAZON.COM, INC., AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC, and AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 7:24-cv-30-ADA-DTG

RESPONSE OF DEFENDANT AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC. TO PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

The two decisions from EDTX that VirtaMove submitted (Dkt. 95) do not support the pending objections to Judge Gilliland's transfer order here. The EDTX cases involved different defendants, with different accused products, filing their motions at a different stage in the case, in a different district, identifying different sets of witnesses. These factual differences unsurprisingly led to a different outcome. Nothing in the EDTX decisions shows any error by Judge Gilliland.

VirtaMove argues that the EDTX decisions adopted VirtaMove's view of the law and rejected the legal standards that Judge Gilliland applied. (Dkt. 96 at 2.) But VirtaMove is wrong.

First, VirtaMove argues that witnesses are irrelevant to transfer unless the Court determines that they "would actually materialize at trial." (Dkt. 88 at 2.) But the EDTX decisions weighed the convenience of identified witnesses without determining that each such witness would actually materialize at trial. (Dkt. 95-1 at 10-15; Dkt. 95-2 at 11-15.)

Second, VirtaMove argues that giving less weight to witnesses who are far from both the transferor and transferee districts is improper. (Dkt. 96 at 3.) But the EDTX decisions expressly followed the Federal Circuit's admonition "not to give such witnesses 'too much significance." (Dkt. 95-1 at 14-15; Dkt. 95-2 at 15.)

Third, VirtaMove argues that Federal Circuit precedent regarding court congestion was "overruled" by a Fifth Circuit case in 2022. (Dkt. 88 at 3.) Yet the EDTX decisions relied solely on Federal Circuit precedent from 2021 to assess this factor. (Dkt. 95-1 at 17; Dkt. 95-2 at 17.)

Fourth, VirtaMove argues that research and development activity are irrelevant to the local interest factor. (Dkt. 88 at 3-4.) But the EDTX decisions rejected this argument explicitly. (Dkt. 95-1 at 18 ("The Court disagrees with VirtaMove's contention"); Dkt. 95-2 at (same).)

Thus, the EDTX decisions contradict VirtaMove's legal arguments and fail to show any clear error by Judge Gilliland.

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